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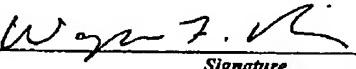
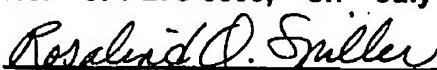
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Applicant(s): Kaplan et al.
Attorney Docket No.: YOR919990204US2

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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1. Amendment Transmittal Letter (1 page) (in duplicate); and
2. Amendment and Response to Final Office Action (7 pages).

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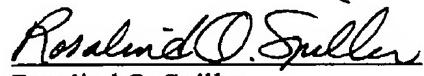
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